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AN UPDATE ON ELECTION NEWS IN KANSAS

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Secretary Kobach Appoints New Deputy

Secretary Kobach appointed Garrett Roe as his new Assistant Deputy Secretary of State for Legal Services. Mr. Roe graduated from the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law in 2007 and served as a staff attorney for the Immigration Reform Law Institute in Washington D.C. until joining Secretary Kobach's staff in 2014. Mr. Roe resides with his wife and son in Olathe, Kansas.



Secretary Kobach swearing in Garrett Roe as his new Assistant Deputy Secretary of State for Legal Services.
Photo by Moriah Day

Ad Astra Archery Tournament Awards Scholarships

The 6th Annual Ad Astra Archery Tournament was held April 30, 2016 at MacLennan Park in Topeka, Kansas. The tournament brought student archers together from across the state to compete for prizes and financial aid scholarships designed to help defer the costs of attending the National Archery in the Schools Program National Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky. This year, the Ad Astra Archery Tournament was able to award \$150 scholarships to four student archers. These archers were Zachery Ferris, Hunter Picking, Carley Cowen, and Paxton Ryals.



Zach Ferris



Hunter Picking



Carley Cowen



Paxton Ryals

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Secretary Kobach Obtains Fourth Conviction in Voter Fraud Prosecutions

Secretary Kobach secured his fourth voter fraud conviction since receiving prosecutorial authority from the Kansas Legislature in July 2015. Ron R. Weems, Wichita, was convicted of two counts of voting without being qualified (a class A nonperson misdemeanor) and one count of advance voting unlawful acts (a class C nonperson misdemeanor).

In exchange for Mr. Weems' guilty pleas, Secretary Kobach dismissed two felony charges of election perjury. Mr. Weems has agreed to pay fines of \$2,500 for each class A misdemeanor and \$500 for the class C misdemeanor for a total of \$5,500 in fines.

"These prosecutions demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that Kansas has the most secure elections in the country," stated Secretary Kobach following the ruling. "I want there to be no doubt that violators of our election laws will be prosecuted and will pay significant penalties. In Kansas, if you double vote we will catch you, and you will pay a very heavy penalty." Secretary Kobach added, "The crime of double voting undermines one of the most fundamental principles of our republic: one person, one vote."

